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1. One thousand men of the 131 Division, stationed in the Chungshan (113-36, 22-22) area, have appealed to return to their homes in North China and Manchuria. They state that they are unwilling to fight, for the following reasons:
 - a. The promise of discharge after the Communist liberation of Canton was not fulfilled, but instead troops were made to participate in the Hainan invasion.
 - b. The Taiwan invasion is the responsibility of the 3 Field Army, and they refuse to take part. As ground forces, they refuse to participate in an amphibious attack.
2. The movement was sponsored by Regiment Commander CH'EN (陳), an old-time Communist Party member.
3. Authorities agreed to let the troops proceed to Tientsin and be discharged there. The troops, fearing imprisonment in Tientsin, requested discharge with bonus on the spot. No agreement has been reached, but negotiations continue.
4. There is a feeling in Macao that this may be the beginning of a Communist effort to cover the movement of troops from South China to Manchuria.

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